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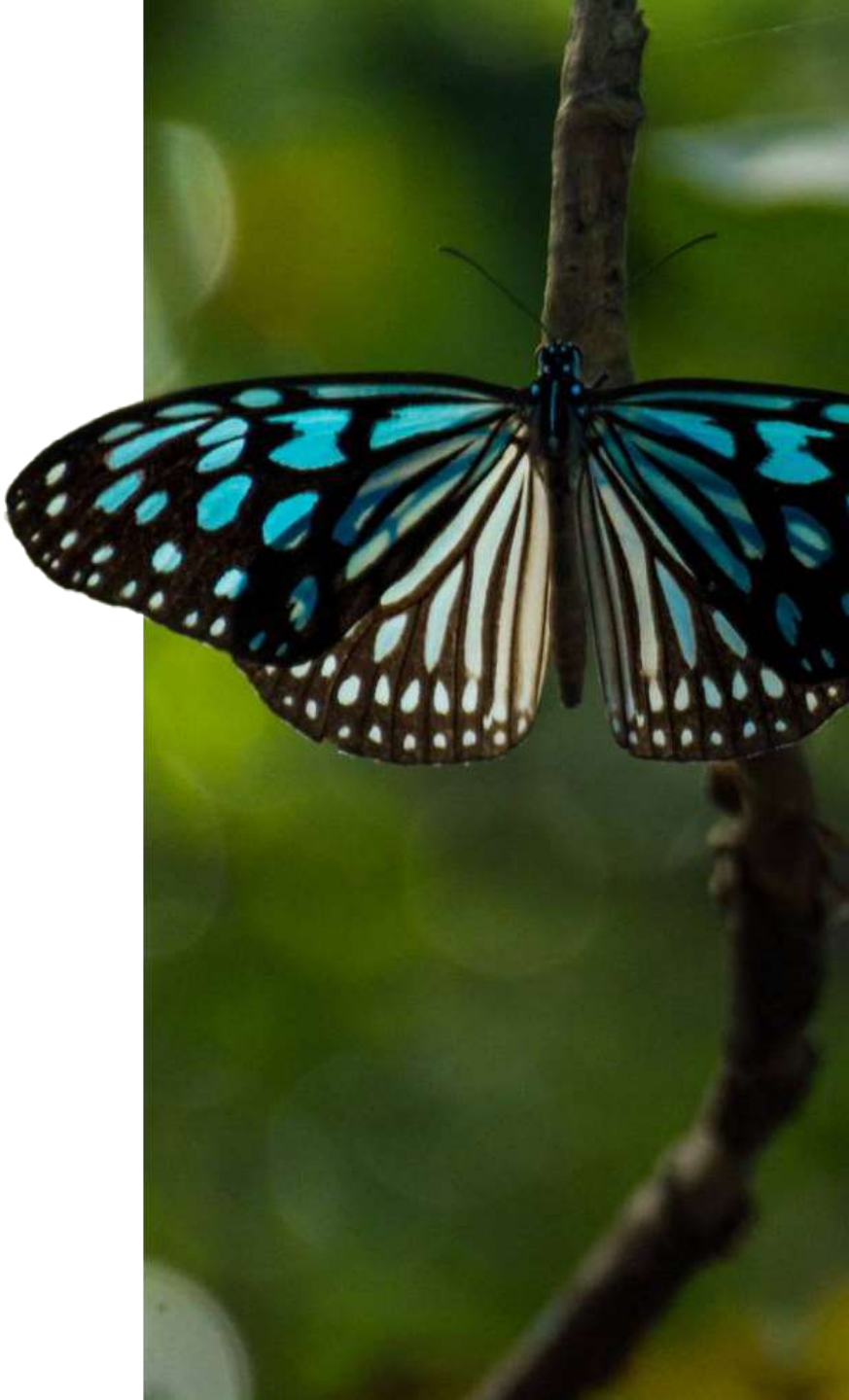
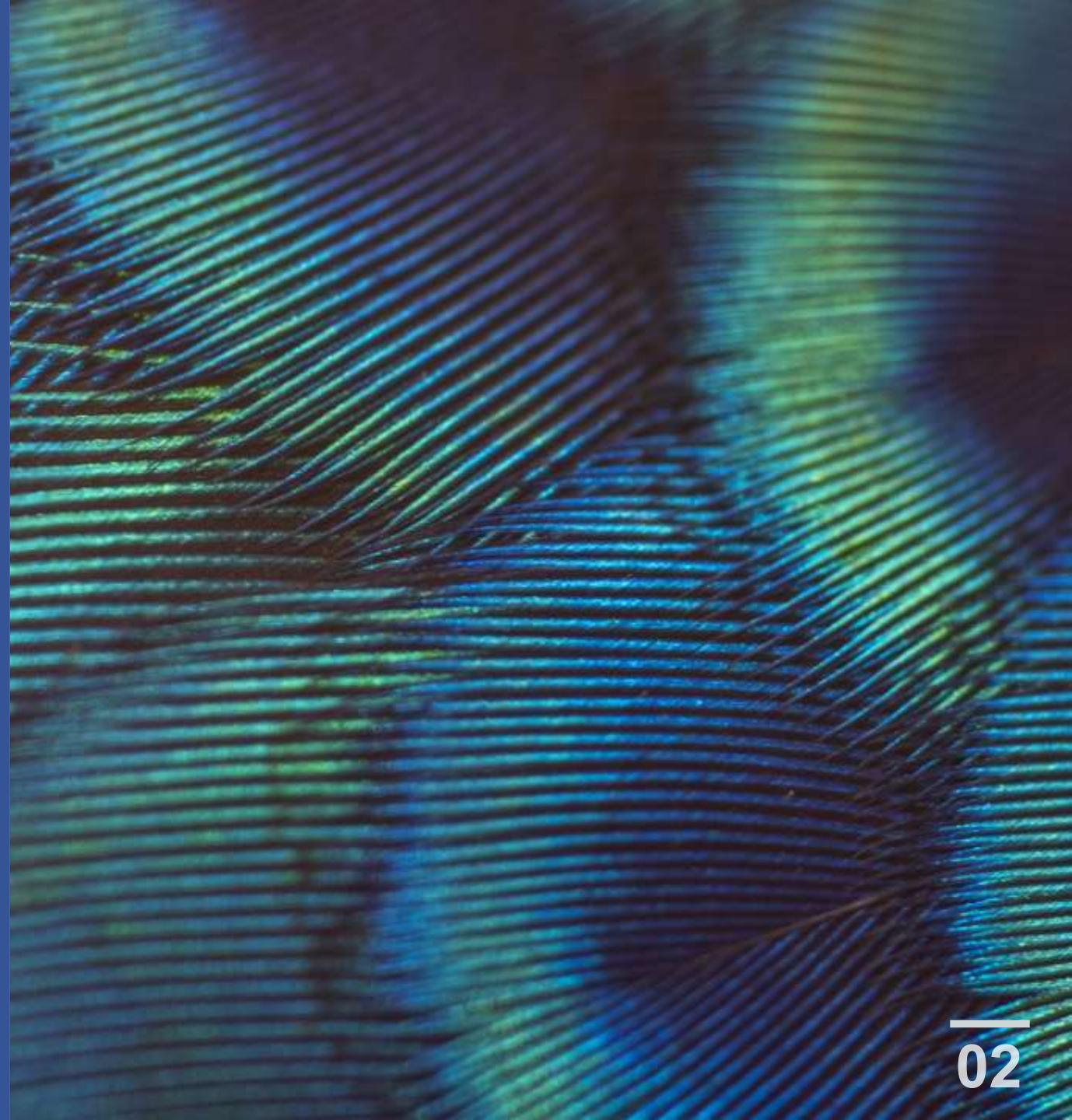
RAIN IN AUSTRALIA

Predicting Rain and Rainfall



Introduction

The issue of Climate Change is threating the existence of all humanity, it includes rising sea levels, ecosystem collapse and more frequent and severe weather. Rising temperatures from human-caused greenhouse gas emissions affects planet-wide systems causing drought and severe heat.



Problem Definition

Due to the recent climate change which caused severe droughts and higher temperatures it is now harder for farmers to know what kind of weather to expect to determine which crops to grow to maximize revenue and efficiency.

Desired Outcome

The ability to predict whether it will rain and the quantity of the rain, to help farmers make decisions on the best crop to grow, to maximize profit, efficiency and reduce food shortages.

Features

Date

The date of observation.

Location

The common name of the location of the weather station.

MinTemp

The minimum temperature in degrees Celsius.

MaxTemp

The maximum temperature in degrees Celsius.

Rainfall

The amount of rainfall recorded for the day in mm.

Features Cont.

Evaporation

The so-called Class A pan evaporation (mm) in the 24 hours to 9am.

Sunshine

The number of hours of bright sunshine in the day.

WindGustDir

The direction of the strongest wind gust in the 24 hours to midnight.

WindGustSpeed

The speed (km/h) of the strongest wind gust in the 24 hours to midnight.

WindDir9am

Direction of the wind at 9am.

Features Cont.

WindDir3pm	WindSpeed9am	WindSpeed3pm	Humidity9am	Humidity3pm
Direction of the wind at 3pm.	Wind speed (km/hr) averaged over 10 minutes prior to 9am.	Wind speed (km/hr) averaged over 10 minutes prior to 3pm.	Humidity (percent) at 9am.	Humidity (percent) at 3pm.

Features Cont.

Pressure9am

Atmospheric pressure (hpa) reduced to mean sea level at 9am.

Pressure3pm

Atmospheric pressure (hpa) reduced to mean sea level at 3pm.

Cloud9am

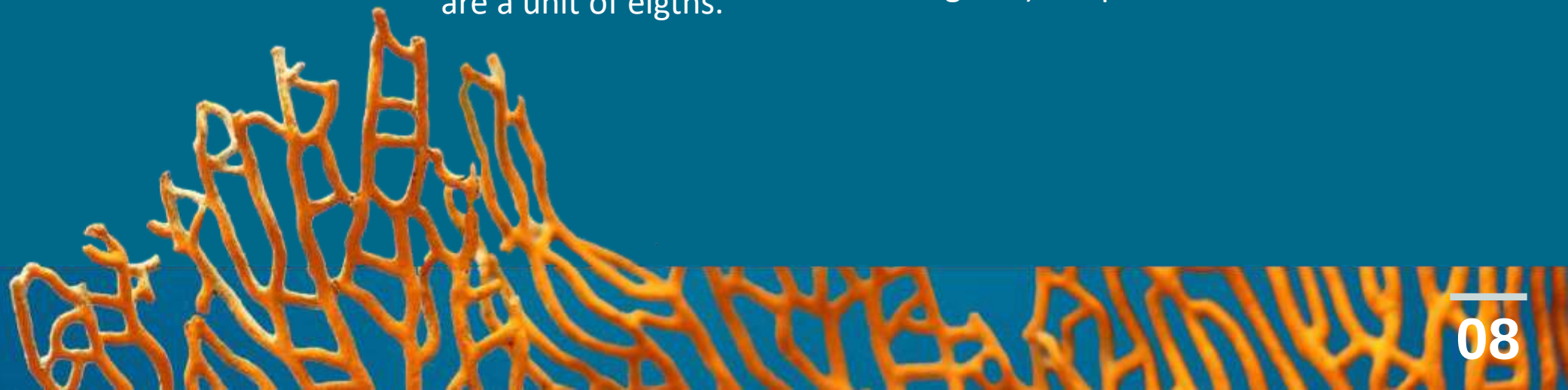
Fraction of sky obscured by cloud at 9am. This is measured in "oktas", which are a unit of eigths.

Cloud3pm

Fraction of sky obscured by cloud (in "oktas": eighths) at 3pm.

Temp9am

Temperature (degrees C) at 9am.



Features Cont.

Temp3pm

Temperature (degrees C) at 3pm.

RainToday

Boolean: 1 if precipitation (mm) in the 24 hours to 9am exceeds 1mm, otherwise 0.

RainTomorrow

The amount of next day rain in mm. Used to create response variable RainTomorrow. A kind of measure of the "risk".

Questions:

- Does having rain today have an effect on rain?
- Does Minimum Temp have an effect on rain?
- Does Maximum Temp have an effect on rain?
- Does Sunshine have an effect on rain?
- Does WindGustSpeed have an effect rain?
- Does Humidity have an effect on rain?
- Does Pressure have an effect on rain?
- Does Minimum Temp have an effect on rainfall?
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Thank You